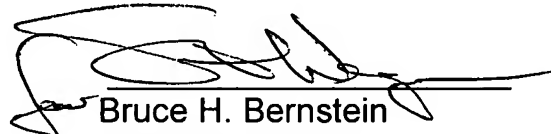


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 11 have been amended to eliminate the use of means plus function, and step plus function claim language. No prohibited new matter has been added, and thus, no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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